Town of Harwich

REAL ESTATE & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (REOS)

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2023

Members Present: Elaine Shovlin (Chair), Marcie Smith, Dave Callaghan, Kathy Green, Brad Hinote and Margo Fenn (by ZOOM)

Guests Present: Michael Lach (Ex. Director Harwich Conservation Trust)

8:32 AM - meeting called to order by Chair Elaine Shovlin

Motion made by Kathy Green to move into Executive Session, seconded by Dave Callaghan - by roll call vote - all in favor.

9:18 AM - returned to regular meeting.

Motion made by Kathy Green to accept the regular meeting minutes of July 21, 2023, seconded by Dave Callaghan - hearing no discussion - vote taken - 5 votes in favor - 1 abstention (Brad) - motion carries.

Chair Report: Elaine inquired of the BOS as to whether our priorities for owner’s unknown properties and other properties with questions would be recommended - she was told they had agreed with us. REOS has been added to a small working group spearheaded by the housing coordinator.

Member Reports: Kathy attended the AHT meeting this month. On September 27th there will be housing seminar at 2 PM at the Community Center sponsored by HCT and Harwich AHT - subject on how conservation and preservation of open space can co-exist with affordable housing projects. Margo reported on the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee - they are making forward progress and are planning a public outreach session. Dave reported that he has received updated files for maps from the assessor’s office. Elaine also mentioned that the BOS are currently having working sessions that the public can attend - one task is to take a look at all the committees in town - their charges, their committee make-up, redundancy, etc.

New member Brad Hinote introduced himself to the committee - he is from Fall River and currently works as Town Assessor in Orleans.

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy, seconded by Brad - all in favor - meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Green (Acting Clerk)